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SIDALCEA OREGANA OREGON CHECKER-MALLOW

Oregon Checker-mallow is a perennial with erect stems that are 20-150 cm tall and arising from a branched rootcrown that surmounts a taproot. The basal leaves have long petioles and round blades that are deeply palmately divided into 5-9 nearly linear lobes. The alternate stem leaves become smaller with few lobes upward. The lower stems and leaves are sparsely covered with star-shaped hairs. Short-stalked flowers are borne in a terminal spike. Some flowers are bisexual, while in others, the anthers are sterile or lacking. Each pink flower has a 5-lobed, hairy calyx that is 4-9 mm long and 5 separate, oblong, shallowly bilobed petals that are 15-20 mm long. Numerous stamens are united into a tube surrounding the style. The numerous stigmas are linear. The fruit is 2-3 mm long and is a flattened-globose capsule with many sections giving it the appearance of a peeled orange. Seeds have a honeycomb pattern. Flowering in the end of June-mid-August, fruiting in late August.

ILIAMNA RIVULARIS has entire leaves with broad lobes, and globose stigmas.